

DOWNTOWN MAIN STREET RECONSTRUCTION TASK FORCE

Wednesday, March 27, 2024

2:30 pm IN-PERSON/VIRTUAL MEETING

Lower Level, Room 0041, City Hall, 106 Jones St, Watertown, WI

By Phone or GoToMeeting: <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/471703029>

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1. Call to order at 2:33 pm.
 - a. Attendance- Present: Grinwald, Smith, Becker, Hoffman, Board, Beyer, Mazzone. Virtual: Elias, Wagner. Absent: Trego, Moldenhauer. In person joined at 2:37: Citizen Josh (downtown business owner) McFarland.
2. Approval of prior meeting minutes
 - a. Approval of Minutes 1.24.24 **Motioned by Board, seconded by Grinwald, carried unanimously**
3. Public Comment
 - a. none
4. Old Business
 - a. Main St bridge closure update (Beyer/McFarland)
 - i. Bids opened, two received. Hopefully wrapped up in a couple of weeks.
 - ii. Awarded in April, Work to start in May
 - iii. Riverwalk and connection on plaza will be done in 2025 after bridge
 - iv. No pedestrian access the entire bridge closure
 - v. 1st St will remain a four-way stop
 - b. Business visits – Feedback from members on visits since last meeting
 - i. Trego said there are business concerns on closure. Will email Beyer about them.
 - ii. Hoffman brought up maybe doing cross promotions between businesses
 - iii. McFarland brought up businesses may have to do things a little differently (like during covid)
 - c. Follow-up on lighting questions (Beyer)
 - i. Laurie will give update to Bill Bedford
5. New Business
 - a. Next newsletter: Targeting May/June. Discussion on topics/ideas, and feedback on last issue.
 - i. Get ideas to Mason within two weeks
 - ii. Regular budget updates
 - iii. Traffic lights/stop sign updates (explain why we can't make choices)
 - iv. Bump outs- concerns on parking
 - v. Get list of emails for downtown businesses. (Board will get at next meeting)
 - b. Review and take possible action: Downtown Main Street bump out locations
 - i. All are being touched
 - ii. Eliminate 1st, Washington, N Water, 2nd, 3rd, NE 4th, SW 6th, 7th
 - iii. Keep S Water, 2-3rd, WS 4th, 5th, 3-6th,
 - iv. Entry features and bumpouts go on next agenda
 - v. Public concerns on less parking on Main Street. Not any less though.
 - c. 2024 planning items discussion
 - i. Strategic plan for photo ops/vistas in Main Street District
 1. Discuss planning/input
 - a. Table until next meeting
 - ii. Transportation Network Evaluation

1. Update on current status (Beyer)
 - a. RFP final due today
 - b. Award in April
 - c. Kick off meeting in May
 - d. Final due 9/2
 - e. This is on one-way streets and two way traffic. Realistic.
 - f. Andrew to give update to Public Works.
6. Confirm next meeting date (May 22, 2024).
7. Adjournment at 3:41 pm. **Motioned by Beyer, seconded by McFarland, carried unanimously**